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Dear Mr. Masley:

This responds to your inquiry regarding the possibility of *American Libraries* doing an article on CIA's research library. I wish we were able to comply with such a request, but unfortunately we are not.

The main problem in this respect is that we do not have the type of single facility that is usually designated as a research library. The purposes which such a library serves in many other organizations are served in CIA by several different types of research support facilities. One such type consists of numerous small libraries or collections of research materials maintained by individual components of the Agency, each having distinct mission and function responsibilities. Another type, supporting more general or overall research needs, is a centralized document storage and retrieval facility; but this is itself compartmented according to security regulations governing the various classifications and control procedures for handling foreign intelligence documents. Access to facilities such as these is controlled by a "need-to-know" requirement which applies even to our own employees. We do not feel it is proper to publicize details concerning them.

As an adjunct to such facilities we also have a small centralized library of unclassified books and periodicals but these are not intended to support extensive research in any specific field. The majority of the publications are maintained in a circulating collection to provide general reading in a variety of disciplines as well as background study on foreign areas. The remainder are basic reference

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Dear Reader:

On July 21, 1861, thirty-five miles southwest of Washington, along a creek called Bull Run, largely untrained Confederate forces met the Union army in what is called the First Battle of Manassas. Green recruits panicked in the field. Confederate General Bee, in full retreat, shouted to Thomas J. Jackson: "General, they are beating us back." At the front rank of his own well-drilled Virginia brigade, General Jackson gritted his teeth and refused to give ground. "They are beating us back," Bee repeated. "Then, Sir," Jackson shouted, "we will give them the bayonet."

General Bee drew his saber and moved forward, rallying his troops by pointing at the steadfast Thomas Jackson. "Look there," he roared again and again. "Look there at Jackson standing like a stone wall!"

General Jackson stood fast under brutal fire, and the green Confederate recruits, stirred to valor by his example, went on to rout the Union forces and drive them from the field. Stonewall Jackson, as he was thereafter called, proved himself one of the half-dozen greatest of all American battlefield commanders. His Valley campaign of 1862 is perhaps the most remarkable display of strategic science in all American military history. So brilliant a commander was he that General Robert E. Lee said of him: "If I had had Jackson at Gettysburg, I should have won the battle." Two months before, Jackson's own troops had fired on him by error, thinking him too far forward to be anything but an enemy scout, and Stonewall Jackson was mortally wounded.

In the next ninety-six pages you will discover why we have chosen this issue of *American Opinion* to bear a cover portrait of Lt. General Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson. We believe that you will find the articles you are about to read on President Richard Nixon (Gary Allen, Page 1) and the Central Intelligence Agency (Frank Capell, Page 49) as much like General Bee's report to Jackson that "they are beating us back" as anything we have ever published. The America we love is again threatened from Washington, and good men are in retreat. As E. Merrill Root suggests in his powerful essay beginning on Page 41, it is a time for heroes. It is a time to stand as did Jackson "like a stone wall."

Dare to stand with us. The battle *can* be won!

Sincerely,

Scott Stanley Jr.

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